

REMARKS

CLAIM STATUS

Claims 22-42 and 49-52 were pending in this application after the Examiner's amendment in the paper dated December 23, 2010. Claims 22-24 and 32 are cancelled with this paper. Claims 25-27, 30, 32, and 49-50 are amended with this paper. Claims 55-59 are added with this paper. Thus, claims 25-31, 33-42 and 49-52 are now pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Following an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner has allowed claim 39. The Examiner also indicated that claims 25-26, 30-31, 33-38, 40-42, and 51-52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 25 has been re-written to include the limitations of base claim 22 and intervening claims 23 and 24. Claim 26 has been re-written to include the limitations of base claim 22. Claim 30 has been re-written to include the limitations of base claim 22 and intervening claims 23 and 24. Claim 33 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 22 and intervening claims 23, 24, and 32. Claim 38 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 22 and intervening claims 23-24 and 27. It is believed that these amendments place claims 25-26, 30-31, and 33-38 in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that dependent claims 40-41 and 51-52 would be allowable if re-written to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 40-41 and 51-52 each depend from claim 39 which was identified as allowable without amendment. Thus, it is believed that claims 39-41 and 51-52 are in condition for allowance following the Examiner's Amendment.

Claims 27, 49, and 50 have each been amended to depend from amended claim 25. It is believed that claims 27-29 and 49-50 are now allowable based on the allowability of claim 25. Claims 55-59 have been added and include the respective limitations of claims 27-29 and 49-50, but rely on claim 26 as a base claim. It is believed that claims 55-59 are now allowable based on the allowability of claim 26.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite the allowance of this application, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned for prompt resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 41898-79395.

Respectfully submitted,

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